

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is to inform you of the Environmental Analysis (EA) issue scoping schedule for the following project:

PROPOSED ACTION

Curry Hardwood Conversions

T. 39 S., R 13 W., Sections 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 31, 32, and 35 Will. Mer.
T. 40 S., R 13 W., Sections 5, 17, 18, 19, and 20 Will. Mer.

SCOPING SCHEDULE

October 11 - November 12, 2002

The 450 acres of proposed non-commercial hardwood conversions (predominantly tanoak) are tentatively scheduled for Fiscal Year 2003 through Fiscal Year 2006 and will be analyzed in an Environmental Assessment (EA). Treatments will include slashing, burning, or mechanical piling and burning; and subsequent planting to conifers. The proposed action may include snag creation, streamside restoration, road construction, and road renovation to facilitate access for burning, mop-up, tree planting, and silvicultural treatments. No Port-Orford-Cedar is found in the project area.

Issues associated with this project will be addressed by the resource area inter-disciplinary team preparing the EA. You are invited to submit written comments on any issues or concerns you may have regarding this project during the EA scoping period which is open from October 11 through November, 12, 2002.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA document or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

We have not scheduled any formal public scoping meetings. However, if you have any questions, need maps or other information, feel free to visit our office to discuss the proposed project, or you may contact Jim Kowalick at this office, (541)-751-4286. Our e-mail address is coosbay@or.blm.gov and our US mailing address is 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459.

Sincerely,

Richard Conrad
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Enclosure: Project Vicinity Map